

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michel H. Malek
Title: SPINE STABILIZATION
SYSTEMS
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Examiner: David C. Comstock
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD
OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated 4/2/2008, and in the Advisory Action dated 6/26/2008, finally rejecting Claims 1, 2, 4-25, and 43.

[X] Applicant claims small entity status.

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X] Notice of Appeal Fee

[X] To be paid as detailed below

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	TOTAL FEE:	\$485.00

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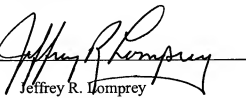
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Respectfully submitted,

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